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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT BRITISH PROGRAM OF
ACTION WHICH UK REPS INTEND TO DISCUSS WITH EC MEMBERS
AND NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS EARLY NEXT WEEK. FCO
WOULD LIKE TO TABLE DRAFT PROGRAM SESSION BEGINNING
JANUARY 24, AFTER OBTAINING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS
FROM ALLIED CONSULTATIONS, BUT TIMETABLE NOT YET
FIRM.

BEGIN TEXT: I. INTRODUCTION
THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE EIGHTH
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SOLEMNLY AFFIRM
THAT THEIR GOAL IS GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT
UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.
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THEY RECOGNISE THAT THIS GOAL REQUIRES THE REMOVAL OF
THE INCENTIVE FOR STATES TO ACQUIRE WEAPONS. THE STATES
MEMBERS THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT A SERIOUS WORLD-WIDE
DISARMAMENT STRATEGY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GREATER
AND SUSTAINED EFFORT TO ELIMINATE THE SOURCES OF
TENSION AND INJUSTICE IN THE WORLD AND INCREASE THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY IN THE UNITED

NATIONS AND ELSEWHERE FOR THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF
DISPUTES; BY UPHOLDING THE INTERNATIONAL RULE OF LAW;
AND BY PROMOTING THE POLITICAL, CIVIL, SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF MAN.

THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IN THEIR
SEARCH FOR THE GOAL OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT,
AGREE AS FOLLOWS: -

II. IMMEDIATE MEASURES

THE IMMEDIATE TASK IS TO ACHIEVE

- IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD

A. A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY OF UNLIMITED DURA-
TION BANNING ALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS IN ALL ENVIRON-
MENTS AND ADHERED TO BY AS MANY STATES AS POSSIBLE
WITH VERIFICATION PROVISIONS GIVING MAXIMUM CONFIDENCE
THAT NO PARTY WAS CONDUCTING CLANDESTINE TESTS;

B. A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, FURTHER LIMIT-
ING AND REDUCING THE NUMBERS OF NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS
POSSESSED BY THEM;

C. FURTHER MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE NUCLEAR NON-
PROLIFERATION REGIME INCLUDING THE ADHERENCE OF ALL

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WEAPONS, THE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS
ON ALL THEIR CIVIL NUCLEAR FACILITIES, THE ACCEPTANCE
OF MINIMUM STANDARDS OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR

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MATERIALS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONCEPT OF GIVING AN INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER TO APPROPRIATE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE OPERATIONS AND AN INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR THE CONTROL OF PLUTONIUM IN CIVIL NUCLEAR PROGRAMMES; THESE MEASURES SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL ACCESS TO THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

D. THE ESTABLISHMENT IN SUITABLE REGIONS, WITH THE AGREEMENT OF ALL STATES CONCERNED, OF ADDITIONAL NUCLEAR WEAPON-FREE ZONES;

- IN OTHER FIELDS

E. AN AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE;

F. CONVENTIONS BANNING THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND CONFIDENTIAL

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STOCKPILING OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND REGULATING THEIR DESTRUCTION; BANNING THE USE OF RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS; AND BANNING OR LIMITING THE USE IN WAR OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING.

III. THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
AND CONFIDENCE

IT IS VITAL TO REMOVE THE FEAR BETWEEN NATIONS WHICH GIVES RISE TO THE QUEST FOR INCREASED ARMAMENTS. A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THESE FEARS AND A DEEPER DIALOGUE BETWEEN THOSE INVOLVED IN DEFENCE MATTERS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES IS REQUIRED. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS AN ESSENTIAL ROLE TO PLAY AS A CATALYST IN THIS PROCESS AND MUST BE ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED FOR THE TASK.

IN ADDITION TO THE IMMEDIATE TASKS DESCRIBED ABOVE,
THEREFORE, STATES MEMBERS OF THE UN FOR THEIR PART
SHOULD:

ESTABLISH A REPRESENTATIVE PILOT PROGRAMME FOR STANDARD-
ISED REPORTING OF NATIONAL MILITARY BUDGETS AS A STEP
TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF REPORTING AND
EVENTUALLY TOWARDS VERIFIED AND BALANCED REDUCTIONS IN
MILITARY EXPENDITURE, THEREBY RELEASING MORE RESOURCES
FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

- CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF EFFORTS
TO LIMIT ON AN AGREED BASIS THE BUILD-UP OF CONVENTIONAL
ARMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND TO DECLARE THE TOTAL
ANNUAL VALUE OF THEIR OVERSEAS DEFENCE SALES.
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- IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING MEASURES TO INCREASE
CONFIDENCE BETWEEN STATES BILATERALLY, REGIONALLY AND
WORLD-WIDE:

I. PUBLISH DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR MILITARY
BUDGETS AND ARMED FORCES;

II. INFORM NEIGHBOURING STATES 21 DAYS OR MORE IN AD-
VANCE ABOUT THEIR INTENTION TO CARRY OUT MAJOR MILITARY
MOVEMENTS; OR MANOEUVRES INVOLVING OVER 10,000 MEN OR
10 OF THEIR GROUND FORCES, WHICHEVER IS THE LESS;

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III. INVITE OBSERVERS FROM NEIGHBOURING STATES TO
MANOEUVRES AND ENCOURAGE MILITARY VISITS AND EXCHANGES
OF ALL KINDS ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS;

IV. IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, PAR-
TICULARLY IN AREAS OF TENSION, BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
"HOT LINES" AND OTHER METHODS OF REDUCING THE RISK OF
CONFLICT DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING OR MISCALCULATION;

V. ACCEPT ADEQUATE PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL CON-
TROL INCLUDING ON-SITE INSPECTION ON THEIR TERRITORIES
AS APPROPRIATE IN THE CONTEXT OF DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS.

(NOTE: ITEMS II AND III IN THIS SECTION ARE SUBJECT
TO THE OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS ON CBMS AT THE BELGRADE
REVIEW CONFERENCE).

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IV. FURTHER MEASURES

IN ORDER TO HELP ASSEMBLE THE KNOWLEDGE NEEDED FOR
FUTURE STEPS IN DISARMAMENT, THE UNITED NATIONS SECRE-
TARY-GENERAL IS REQUESTED TO CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING
STUDIES: -

A. ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE PEACEKEEPING MACHINERY
AND CAPABILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AS A MEANS OF
ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY;

B. ON WAYS OF LIMITING ON AN AGREED BASIS THE BUILD-
UP OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD;

C. ON THE ALTERNATIVE USES OF MILITARY RESOURCES
AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

D. ON ALL REGIONAL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT, INCLUDING
FURTHER MEASURES DESIGNED TO INCREASE CONFIDENCE AND
STABILITY AS WELL AS MEANS OF PROMOTING DISARMAMENT
ON A REGIONAL BASIS. END TEXT.

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